

Senate Joint Resolution 3 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the sessions of the general
3 assembly.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of the State
4 of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the Amendments of
5 1968 and by amendment number 2 of the Amendments of 1974, is
6 repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

7 **Biennial sessions of general assembly — special**
8 **sessions.** SEC. 2. The sessions of the general assembly shall
9 be biennial, and shall commence on the second Monday in January
10 next ensuing the election of its members. Upon written request
11 to the presiding officer of each house of the general assembly
12 by two-thirds of the members of each house, the general
13 assembly shall convene in special session. The governor of the
14 state may convene the general assembly by proclamation in the
15 interim.

16 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
17 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
18 general assembly to be chosen at the next general election for
19 members of the general assembly, and the secretary of state is
20 directed to cause the proposed amendment to be published for
21 three consecutive months previous to the date of that election
22 as provided by law.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
25 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to sessions of
26 the general assembly. The resolution provides for biennial
27 sessions of the general assembly, instead of annual sessions,
28 which shall commence in the year following election of its
29 members.

30 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
31 general assembly for adoption a second time before being
32 submitted to the electorate for ratification.